

Stratham, NH

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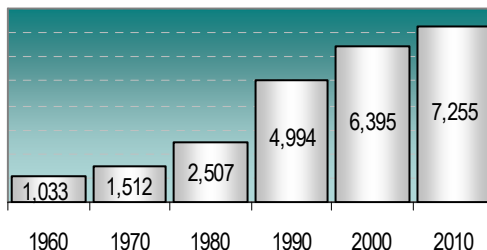
Incorporated: 1716

Origin: This territory was settled in 1631, a part of the Squamscott Patent granted to Edward Hilton, under the leadership of Captain Thomas Wiggin, who was called Governor. The settlement was called Squamscott, and was also known by the Indian name of Winnicutt. In 1695 the territory was annexed to Exeter, having been associated with Hampton prior to that. In 1716, residents petitioned for a separate incorporated town, which was granted. Stratham was sixth town to be incorporated in New Hampshire, and named for a friend of Governor Samuel Shute of Massachusetts, Wriothesley Russell, Baron Howland of Streatham.

Villages and Place Names: unknown

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 882 residents in 1790

Population Trends: Stratham had the thirteenth largest percent change over



50 years, with the largest decennial percent change 99 percent between 1980 and 1990; the smallest, 13 percent between 2000 and 2010. Population change totaled 6,222, from 1,033 in 1960 to 7,255 in 2010. The 2010 Census estimate for Stratham was 7,255 residents, which ranked 42nd among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2010 (US Census Bureau): 480.4 persons per square mile of land area. Stratham contains 15.1 square miles of land area and 0.4 square miles of inland water area.



MUNICIPAL SERVICES

Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2010	\$5,084,264
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Zoning Ordinance	1957/10
Master Plan	1998
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board

Boards and Commissions

Elected:	Selectmen; Library; Cemetery
Appointed:	Planning; Zoning; Conservation; Heritage; Recreation; Public Works

Public Library **Wiggin Memorial**

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Police Department	Full-time
Fire Department	Volunteer
Emergency Medical Service	Volunteer

Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds
Exeter Hospital, Exeter	3 miles	97
Portsmouth Regional, Portsmouth	9 miles	165

UTILITIES

Electric Supplier	Unitil; PSNH
Natural Gas Supplier	Northern Utilities
Water Supplier	Private wells

Sanitation	Private septic
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	No

Solid Waste Disposal	
Curbside Trash Pickup	Municipal
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	No
Recycling Program	Voluntary

Telephone Company	Fairpoint
Cellular Telephone Access	Yes
Cable Television Access	Yes
Public Access Television Station	No
High Speed Internet Service:	
Business	Yes
Residential	Yes

PROPERTY TAXES *(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)*

2010 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$18.73
2010 Equalization Ratio	102.6
2010 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$19.15

2010 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	84.5%
Commercial Land and Buildings	13.7%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	1.8%

HOUSING *(ACS 2006-2010)*

Total Housing Units	2,784
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	2,608
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	44
Five or More Units in Structure	107
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	25

DEMOGRAPHICS*(US Census Bureau)*

Total Population	Community	County
2010	7,255	295,223
2000	6,395	278,748
1990	4,994	246,744
1980	2,507	190,345
1970	1,512	138,951

Demographics, American Community Survey (ACS) 2006-2010

Population by Gender			
Male	3,512	Female	3,649

Population by Age Group	
Under age 5	304
Age 5 to 19	1,756
Age 20 to 34	802
Age 35 to 54	2,514
Age 55 to 64	1,122
Age 65 and over	663
Median Age	42.1 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over	
High school graduate or higher	97.7%
Bachelor's degree or higher	57.8%

INCOME, 2010 INFLATION ADJUSTED \$ *(ACS 2006-2010)*

Per capita income	\$45,238
Median 4-person family income	\$120,100
Median household income	\$106,591

Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers	
Male	\$75,000
Female	\$58,320

Families below the poverty level	0.7%
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LABOR FORCE *(NHES - ELMI)*

Annual Average	2000	2010
Civilian labor force	3,408	4,199
Employed	3,316	4,010
Unemployed	92	189
Unemployment rate	2.7%	4.5%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES *(NHES - ELMI)*

Annual Average Covered Employment	2000	2010
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	355	556
Average Weekly Wage	\$739	\$1,203
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	2,344	2,816
Average Weekly Wage	\$1,093	\$1,035
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	2,699	3,372
Average Weekly Wage	\$1,046	\$1,063
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	267	375
Average Weekly Wage	\$562	\$933
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	2,965	3,747
Average Weekly Wage	\$1,003	\$1,050

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EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE*(NH Dept. of Education)*

Schools students attend:	Stratham operates grades K-5; grades 6-12 are part of Exeter Region Cooperative (Brentwood, East Kingston, Exeter, Kensington, Newfields, Stratham)			District: SAU 16
Career Technology Center(s):	Seacoast School of Technology, Exeter			Region: 18
Educational Facilities	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1	1		1
Grade Levels	P K 1-5	6-8		K 1-8
Total Enrollment	628	1,347		162

2011 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (*DHHS – Bureau of Child Care Licensing*): Total Facilities: **9** Total Capacity: **446**

Nearest Community/Technical College: **Great Bay**

Nearest Colleges or Universities: **University of NH; Southern NH University; Franklin Pierce University**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Timberland	Retail outdoor sport equipment, catalog	650	1994
Lindt Sprugli, Inc.	Chocolate manufacturer	250	1990
Market Basket	Supermarket	150	1981
Shaw's Supermarket	Supermarket	143	1975
Vitronics Soltec	Computer assembly machinery	58	1998
Bell & Flynn	Sand, gravel, construction	44	1958
Seacoast Imported Auto, Inc.	Vehicle dealership	35	1991
H D Smith	Distributor	25	2006
Staples	Retail office products, services	25	2005

TRANSPORTATION (*distances estimated from city/town hall*)

Road Access	US Routes	
	State Routes	33, 101, 108
Nearest Interstate, Exit		I-95, Exit 2
	Distance	6 miles
Railroad	Amtrack, Boston & Maine	
Public Transportation	COAST	
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
Hampton Airfield	Runway	2,100 ft. turf
Lighted? Yes	Navigation Aids?	No
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
Manchester-Boston Regional	Distance	35 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		6
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		32 miles
Portland, Maine		62 miles
Boston, Mass.		53 miles
New York City, NY		266 miles
Montreal, Quebec		287 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK (*ACS 2006-2010*)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	84.5%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	5.8%
Public transportation	1.1%
Walked	0.0%
Other means	0.7%
Worked at home	7.9%
Mean Travel Time to Work	24.1 minutes

Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2006-2010

Working in community of residence	20.5%
Commuting to another NH community	65.1%
Commuting out-of-state	14.4%

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

X	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
X	Golf Courses
	Swimming: Indoor Facility
	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
X	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
	Bowling Facilities
X	Museums
	Cinemas
X	Performing Arts Facilities
X	Tourist Attractions
X	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
X	Youth Sports: Baseball
X	Youth Sports: Soccer
	Youth Sports: Football
X	Youth Sports: Basketball
	Youth Sports: Hockey
	Campgrounds
X	Fishing/Hunting
X	Boating/Marinas
X	Snowmobile Trails
X	Bicycle Trails
X	Cross Country Skiing
	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
X	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): Gunstock, Sunday River (ME)
	Other: Stratham Fair; Lacrosse; Outdoor Skating Rink